

Appl. No. 09/696,566  
Amdt. dated 6/06/2006  
Reply to the Office Action of 03/06/2006

**Amendment to the Specification:**

In the Section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" on page 1, lines 11-18, please replace the paragraph with the following:

This application is based upon the teachings of and claims priority from prior U.S. Patent Application No. 09/240,546, entitled "Reliable Multicast For Small Groups" filed on January 29, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,415,312, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/240,549, entitled "Multicast Support For Small Groups", filed on January 29, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,502,140, ~~6,502,410~~, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/329,101, entitled "System For Multicast Communications In Packet Switched Networks" filed on June 9, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,625,773, which are all assigned to the same assignee as this application and the collective teachings of which are herein incorporated by reference.